

Making Quality Education Available to All

GOVERNOR'S PRIORITIES

- Provide scholarships*
- Improve access and enrollment*
- Recruit and retain top faculty*
- Expand technology networks*
- Expand Workforce Training*
- Improve flexibility and local discretion*

TOTAL: \$281 million GF-S, including general salary increases and health benefits

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Washington's Promise Scholarship

- ▶ Provides \$3,000 scholarships to more than 4,200 high school students from the top 10 percent, and then top 15 percent, of their high school senior class. **\$9 million GF-S**

Improve Access

- ▶ Adding 8,300 new FTEs expands enrollment by 200 more than needed to maintain current participation levels, and targets 500 positions to high-demand fields. Geographic access is improved by expansions at the five branch campuses and other off-campus sites. **\$60 million GF-S, \$174 million Capital Construction**

Compensation

- ▶ Provides \$10 million to help recruit and retain top faculty at four-year institutions, and another \$10 million to help close the salary gap for part-time faculty at community and technical colleges that can be matched with an additional \$10 million in tuition funds. Faculty and staff get 3 percent salary increases each year.

Learning through Technology

- ▶ Supports the K-20 telecommunications network, and builds new capacity to offer courses for credit on the Internet. **\$10 million GF-S**

Expand Workforce Training

- ▶ Target new training to produce more skilled graduates in high-demand fields, particularly information technology. Reorganize state programs to encourage stronger partnerships with business and labor. **\$5 million GF-S, \$1 million Capital**

High Impact Research

- ▶ Funding at research universities for advanced technology, Internet II, and food safety research will spin-off new businesses for a high economic impact. **\$12 million GF-S**

Improve Flexibility, Local Discretion

- ▶ Governing boards will determine the size of their tuition increases within strict limits to keep tuition affordable for their institution, students, and program areas. This grants more flexibility so they can better manage their institutions to make more effective use of their facilities.

New Enrollment Opportunities at Main and Branch Campuses

Statewide Total = 8,277

